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Dear Roger:

Last week I received, to my great surprise, and need I say, satisfaction, an announcement that Vice Admiral Ralph A. Ofstie, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air, had married Captain Joy Hancock, until recently, Head of the Waves. This seems to have been a very happy deal in that they had been running around together for quite a few years. I presume, in the end, that the woman's wishes triumphed, as Ralph had never been married before and probably was thoroughly afraid of it.

Although not necessary to do so, I want to send them a wedding gift similar to the others which you have sent for me this year and at about the same price. Please address to Vice Admiral and Mrs. Ralph A. Ofstie, in care of VADM Ralph A. Ofstie, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air, OPNAV Rm 4E394, Pentagon, Navy Department, Washington 25, D.C.

Immediately after receiving this announcement, another, announcing the forthcoming marriage of Rear Admiral Bill Granat's son, William Granat, to Barbara Cranston, daughter of Brig. General Cranston, arrived. I shall appreciate it very much if you would send a wedding gift similar to the others to Miss Barbara Cranston, The Kennedy Warren, Washington, D.C. and place in it one of my cards of which your secretary still has two or three, I think.

As you can judge from this letter, I have returned from California where I had a most pleasant time and landed in Newport to encounter one of the great hurricanes of the many hurricanes that have hit this area in the past. Fortunately, I live in a sheltered area so that the problems inherent in a house on the seashore in no way affected me.

I certainly hope that you and yours were in no way adversely affected by this hurricane and I hope that Reed and Barton survived the hurricane as well as they have survived the numerous ups and downs of the economic cycle.

With my very best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

CDR Roger M. Halliwell, USNR
Reed and Barton Co.
Taunton, Mass.

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3 September 1954

Memorandum for Admiral Kalbfus

You will be interested to learn that today President Henry M. Wriston of Brown University gave a very interesting talk on the "Basic Factors Influencing U.S. Strategy". It was an excellent address, very much to the point. As Dr. Wriston resembles you greatly, I couldn't help being impressed with the fact that your thinking and his, in regard to many items connected with the philosophy of strategy, are very similar indeed. Dr. Wriston, during an intermission, said that he had been very closely associated with you in the Naval War College, that he had great admiration for your mental power, and that he had helped you with the formation of Sound Military Decisions. I was delighted to hear him say this as Admiral McCormick heard it as well. The Doctor's remarks give, I believe, even more weight to the philosophic value of your great work. I told Dr. Wriston that you were presently in the Naval Hospital but that it was nothing serious.

I have endeavored to see you twice recently, and, although the doctor said I could see you, he said they preferred that all visits be omitted for a while until they felt sure that you were able to stand them. Evidently, from what I understand, you are doing very well. At first I was concerned when I heard that you were entering the hospital, but now that I find that your stay there is purely for recuperation, I no longer feel this way. I regret very much, of course, that you will not be present at the clambake next Monday - at least I think there will be one next Monday - although at present the Clambake Club has no windows.

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Your old friend, Admiral Hewitt, is presently in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland. After calling his house in Orwell, Vermont yesterday, I was informed of this fact. I think he went there for the same reason you did, i.e. for recuperation. He hadn't been feeling well for a while and decided that Bethesda was best suited for whatever ailment he had - I think virus pneumonia.

I also saw Admiral Yarnall and was happy to tell him you were rapidly improving, and this seemed to please him very much. As you know, Admiral Yarnall has been rather ill himself on occasion.

R. W. BATES

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September 7, 1954

Dear Admiral Hewitt:

In view of your kind willingness to review Volume II of the Battle for Leyte Gulf, I had been wondering why I hadn't heard from you. I therefore called you on the telephone the other day at Orwell and was informed that you were in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda. This was a great disappointment to me because I thought that you had fully recovered from your recent and most serious illness. My reassurance was, of course, the fact that you had succeeded in reaching Washington which would have never been attempted had you not been reasonably well. I certainly hope that you are there for a check only.

By the time you receive this you will know that Admiral Kalbfus departed this life yesterday morning at the Newport Naval Hospital and his funeral will be held tomorrow. The old gentleman had been ill for quite a long time suffering from, I understand, leukemia. His illness suddenly took a turn for the worse and there was nothing which could be done to save him.

We shall all miss him around here. I think he contributed a great deal to the Navy and his efforts at all times to improve the professional judgement in command of the officers of the Navy paid dividends in World War II.

With best regards to you and to Florida, and with hopes that you are not seriously ill, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Admiral H. Kent Hewitt, USN(Ret)
U. S. Naval Hospital
Bethesda, Md.

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September 7, 1954

Dear Admiral:

I have the sad duty of writing to you this morning to tell you that yesterday morning at about 9 o'clock your old friend, Admiral Kalbfus, died at the U.S. Naval Hospital, from, I understand, leukemia. His death was somewhat of a surprise to me because only the day before I had spoken to the doctors and they had told me that the Admiral was quite sick but not unto death. However, on Sunday night he made a rapid turn for the worse and joined his Maker in the morning as mentioned above. We shall all miss him around here at the War College. I think he contributed a great deal to the Navy and his efforts at all times to improve the professional judgement in command of the officers of the Navy paid dividends in World War II.

The funeral will be held in the Naval Chapel at the Newport Naval Base on Wednesday, September 8th, which will be tomorrow. I am to be one of the honorary pallbearers, Admiral McCormick will be another, Admiral Yarnall another - altogether, there will be about twelve, I think.

I am telling you about this because I know you mentioned Admiral Kalbfus to me when I was out on the Coast. I know Admiral Kalbfus had long had great affection for you and Mrs. Nimitz.

Mrs. Kalbfus, whom I have not seen, is apparently taking this as well as could be expected, although the blow is pretty heavy. The day before the Admiral died, I managed to write him a letter as they wouldn't let me see him, telling him about the accomplishments of the Naval War College as reported by President Wriston of Brown University, and commenting on other facts which I thought would be important to him and to his welfare. Mrs. Kalbfus told me that it was a

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remarkable memorandum or letter and that the Admiral had eaten it up. I feel gratified that I succeeded in accomplishing this little bit. The Admiral will be interred at Arlington on Thursday, September 9th at 1300.

Last night I received a long telephone call from Admiral Conolly, who is, as you know, President of Long Island University, and he was quite upset about Admiral Kalbfus's death. I told him about my wonderful visit to the coast with you and Mrs. Nimitz and of the advice you gave me toward the attitude I should assume in making my comments on my battles. Admiral Conolly started to laugh, and he said, "It was on account of that very fact that you were chosen by Admiral Nimitz, Admiral Spruance and by me". I understand that Admiral Hewitt is in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda and I will write him a letter this morning.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Nimitz and regret that I find it necessary to write the painful news of Admiral Kalbfus's departure, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN
728 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California

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September 8, 1954

Dear Jack:

Having not heard from you in a long time I thought I would figuratively take my pen in hand and address you a communication to ascertain what was going on in the House of Bergen.

The night before last I received a long telephone call from Admiral Conolly, wherein he discussed many items, a number of them connected with the War College. I asked him if he had heard from you or even seen you and he indicated that he had not seen you recently.

As you know, I went to California in July where I went to the Bohemian Grove for about a week - quite by surprise because I hadn't planned to go there at all - attended to family matters and then returned to Newport in early August. I haven't been to New York since July; therefore, as you know, I haven't seen or heard from you since that time.

Admiral Conolly tells me that you are expecting to go to Europe with the Deputy Secretary of Defense very shortly. I am awfully glad to hear it because I think you can contribute a lot to the Navy because of your very considerable knowledge of naval matters and your close friendship with the Secretary should help. We have always thought a great deal of the Secretary here at the Naval War College and we felt that his advancement was very well deserved, although we regretted seeing him move out of the Navy into Defense.

One reason for writing you this morning is to tell you that Admiral Kalbfus had died. You probably have heard or seen this in the papers but, because he was President of the War College when you were here, I feel that you are entitled to a direct report. He had been ill for about five years with leukemia. I feel sure that he knew what he had, although there may be some doubt on this point. He told me that he was taking medicine which could be effective for a long time, or for a short time,

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depending entirely on how his body reacted to it. Until the other day it had been pretty effective. However, his friends had noted recently that he was failing. This was also apparent to the doctors who finally decided to transfer him to the Newport Naval Hospital. I went over to see him; I talked to the top doctors and they all assured me that he was quite ill but not unto death. They said I could see him if it was an emergency but otherwise no. I therefore wrote him a letter which Mrs. Kalbfus read to him. She told me that he seemed to have been very pleased indeed.

So, although I didn't see him, I was able to give him a report concerning the Naval War College and his book, "Sound Military Decision". This was because President Wriston of Brown University had lectured here in the morning and had told me and Admiral McCormick, but principally me because I was discussing the matter with him, that the Naval War College, owing in a large part to Admiral Conolly, now was at its peak, that the National War College felt this fact very acutely, and were going to have to do something about it. He said further that he did not think that the standards of the National War College were as high as they should be.

I am going down to Washington next week to attend to some matters connected with my work here. As you know, my first volume on the Battle for Leyte Gulf is out, and so far as I can understand, has met with a friendly reception. It is quite critical in many areas but, from what all the critics say, it was deservedly so. The only fault of this sort of thing is this; we are beginning to step on the toes of some of the boys in high positions. Because of this I often wonder whether sooner or later somebody won't throw a spear or a dart at me. If he succeeds it will show a weakness in the present naval structure which certainly should be rectified.

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The primary interest of any naval officer should be in the welfare of his Country. In this connection, I read an article the other day where it stated that "to a naval officer, it was his Country first, but to a civilian, it was family first". Perhaps that is the reason I am a bachelor because I have always placed my Country in the van and have been unable to accept anyone as a wife who might desire to be in the primary place.

I am leaving in a few minutes to be an honorary pallbearer at Admiral Kalbfus's funeral which will be held at the Naval Base Chapel. This is true to the Kalbfus tradition of the Navy first.

I note with interest that your Yankee Ball Club is fighting valiantly as usual to retain the title of "world champion" which they have held for so many years. As you know, I have felt that perhaps it would be well if some other club might win for the sake of equalization. However, when I see the gallant fight which fellows like Noren, Berra, and others are putting up I begin to soften and figure it might not be a bad thing after all if the Yankees could fight their way through and prove again with Joe DiMaggio, that, "It's great to be a Yankee". Whether your team wins or not it has demonstrated that will to victory which is the hallmark of champions; that to me is all important.

I hope, when I go to New York presently, you will have returned from the European jaunt and I will have a chance to see you and renew our ancient friendship.

With regards to you and to Babe, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Rear Admiral John J. Bergen, USNR
John J. Bergen & Company
40 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

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September 9, 1954

Dear Ralph:

This is merely a note to tell you how surprised I was when I heard of your marriage to my old friend, Joy Hancock. I think that it is a wonderful thing that you two decided to merge and I am sure that in the days to come you will feel more than ever satisfied at this most brilliant decision of the many brilliant decisions which you made for your Country's welfare during World War II.

I am, of course, somewhat disturbed because, with your "collapse", I was immediately notified by many here that I had better "collapse", too. Nobody has suggested to whom, so I must consider that, for the moment, the comments are more friendly than serious.

I will be in Washington next week and I hope to have the opportunity of shaking your hand and congratulating you personally. Until then, with best regards to both you and Joy, and with my deepest congratulations, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Vice Admiral Ralph A. Ofstie, USN
Room 4E394 OPNAV
Pentagon, Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

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September 13, 1954

Dear Mr. Gildea:

Saturday afternoon at about the time of the storm's end several large limbs from a large tree located on the grounds of the Newport Reading Room fell across Bellevue Avenue completely blocking the street to traffic. At about this same time a large tree fell across Redwood Avenue, likewise blocking that street to traffic.

The police officer on duty there immediately notified headquarters and within a matter of minutes several trucks marked Public Works arrived with repair crews armed with automatic saws and axes. These crews quickly sawed up both of these trees and removed them from both roads, thereby opening up the roads to traffic, also in a matter of minutes.

I thought that the skill and speed with which this operation was accomplished was exceptional and worthy of the highest commendation. Newport has every reason to be proud of these units!

Very truly yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. William A. Gildea
City Manager
City Hall
Newport, R.I.

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28 September 1954

Dear McManes:

I was in Washington about a week ago and I went into your office to locate you, but unfortunately you appear to have been away. Anyway, I didn't see you. I had nothing in particular to talk to you about excepting that one of the trustees of Yale University came to me about a retired officer who had been in command of the ROTC at Yale during the War, and wanted some information about him. I won't bother you with his name but when I am down there again I will contact you on it and perhaps you can provide the information that my friend is seeking.

What I am particularly writing to you about is this - there is some information, in the form of a rumor, that a selection board is meeting or is about to meet for the promotion of Naval Reserves to Captain. We can find nothing about it in either the Army-Navy-Air Force Register or Journal, nor have we any dispatches thereon. I spoke to Admiral Watkins about it over the telephone and he seemed to think that such a board was being convened but said that his data at the moment was inconclusive. However, he did point out that a board was meeting or had completed its findings for LCDR to CDR, which board you headed.

If a board is meeting I am particularly interested in a Naval Reserve commander named James Joseph Sullivan, 1635/84751, Register Number 1369, who has written me about it. Commander Sullivan was Admiral Oldendorf's intelligence officer during the many battles in the Pacific during 1944 and 45, and you probably remember him very well. He was very capable and Oldendorf thought a lot of him. He has been here on active duty as a Commander, USNR, at the Naval War College during the past two or three (GSD) years as a personal guest of two Presidents of the Naval War College (Admiral Conolly and McCormick). He is a Vice President of the Navy League of San Francisco, and is politically strong in that area.

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I shall appreciate your kindness if you could inform me whether a selection board is meeting for Captain and whether it is considering officers of the 1635 category so that I can inform Commander Sullivan. If such a board is meeting it will be a surprise to me and to our reserve officers here at the Naval War College because none of us seem to have any information about it.

Next time I am in Washington, I shall make it a point to drop in and say hello as I always enjoy my meetings with you since good humor is very difficult to find in the Washington area.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

RADM Kenmore F. McManes, USN
Room 4E540, ACNO (Naval Reserve)
Pentagon, Navy Department
Washington 25, D.C.

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30 September 1954

Dear Dr. Rossby:

I was in the Navy Department the other day and talked over hurricanes Carol and Edna which hit the New England coast several weeks ago. I am sure that you are familiar with them since the World broadcasts commented on them rather heavily. While there I told them that, in my mind, the man responsible for the introduction of the "Bjerknes Theory of the Polar Front" and, therefore, of modern meteorology and forecasting in the United States, was none other than yourself.

I don't know whether you remember me at all but I also take credit for your introduction to the U.S. Navy and hence, of the Polar Front Theory into the U.S. Navy, because it was in 1926 that I met you at the Weather Bureau in Washington where I was taking a course under Dr. Humphreys preparatory to instructing the first class in Aerology at the Post Graduate School of Annapolis. I was a lieutenant commander at the time.

I remember that at that time you told me that you were a Guggenheim Research Associate there and we had long talks over the Bjerknes Theory. I am writing to you about this because I want it on record with the Aerology Branch in the Navy Department.

I don't know whether you know it or not, but on my return to the Post Graduate School after my course in Meteorology at the Weather Bureau I told the Head of the Post Graduate School about you and insisted that you be employed by MIT or Harvard or both for the instruction of our students there. The above universities said that they had already contracted for a Dr. Schmidt, I think, and could not do anything that year, but a year or so later you were employed, to the great benefit of the U.S. Navy.

With best regards to you and with hopes that you are finding your work in Stockholm highly interesting, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Professor C.G. Rossby
Institut for Meteorologi
Stockholms hogskola
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Stockholm K. Sweden

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30 September 1954

Dear Sir:

In looking through your "Who's Who" for 1954 and 1955 I discovered that Rear Admiral Henry E. Eccles, U.S. Navy, Retired, was not included in that Volume. I, therefore, am seizing this opportunity to recommend to you that he be included, not only in this volume, but in "Who Knows and What".

Admiral Eccles is probably the outstanding authority in Navy Logistics today and is at present employed with the Logistic group at George Washington University, and is also working with the Naval War College in the Logistic phases of that College.

I am enclosing herewith a brief of his career, which, while not entirely complete, is of sufficient volume and quality to indicate to you the high qualifications of Admiral Eccles. This recommendation of mine, i.e. that Admiral Eccles be included in "Who's Who" and "Who Knows and What", is entirely unsolicited by Admiral Eccles. In fact, he does not know that I have written this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. W. BATES
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Mr. Wheeler Sammons, Publisher
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Marquis Publications Building
Chicago 11, Ill.

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October 6, 1954

Dear Crawford:

I talked to your wife on the telephone yesterday and I found out that there is great joy in Mudville, not because the great Casey had struck out, but because you were improving rapidly. I was awfully glad to hear this. I know that all of your many friends here will likewise be as delighted over your continued improvement. You have been through a tough siege, and I have personally liked the way with which it appeared to me you were facing your difficult physical problems. A physical problem often becomes a mental problem but in your case you seem to have conquered both.

The weather up here is good, but nothing remarkable since you know the temperatures varied from 88°F to about 52°F in a matter of a day or so. The human body is definitely very resilient or it would be unable to withstand these violent changes in climate. Perhaps we have been having these hurricanes in order to assist us in hardening ourselves to the violent changes.

There still seems to be a fair crowd up here but if Hazel continues to move in this direction, perhaps some of those who have remained until this late date will decide that they do not choose to meet any more blows. I have very little concern for these things as they are all part of life.

There is nothing new to report, excepting that everyone is very pleased over your continued improvement.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Crawford Hill
St. Regis Hotel,
5th Avenue & 55th St.
New York, N.Y.

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October 7, 1954

Dear Joe:

I received your letter concerning the possibility of promotion of reserves to Captain with considerable surprise because I had heard nothing about it. I, therefore, addressed a communication to Admiral McManes, who is in charge of reserves in Washington, and I received a reply from him, a copy of which is attached herewith.

We will know more about this selection when the orders are out, but for your information I think you can at least have a pleasant Christmas and New Year, as the Board will not meet until January 4th.

Despite your thoughts in the matter, I had nothing to do with the promotion of Jack Bergen to Rear Admiral. I respect greatly what he has done in New York and I don't think that his promotion will have an adverse effect in the long run, although there was some opposition at the time. I think that his promotion was due to some high level pressures which have not been made known to me.

I certainly enjoyed meeting you again out on the coast when I was there and I particularly enjoyed the luncheon at the Palace Hotel. I hadn't been at that old place for a very long time, so my visit there gave me a form of nostalgia.

There isn't anything to report about on this end, excepting to affirm that the papers were right when they said we had had two hurricanes here, Carol and Edna. They did a lot of damage and while not otherwise too much trouble to the general public, were dangerous because of the

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great destruction of trees. One estate I know of lost 35 trees. These trees are very large but appear to be anchored by very tiny roots. Since, until 1938, there had been no hurricanes in this area for 112 years, the trees evidently decided there was nothing to worry about and did not take proper "hurricane precautions".

I hope that you and Tiny get together some day.

Are you interested in coming to the Global Strategy discussions next year?

With best regards and best wishes for your future success, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Commander James J. Sullivan, USNR
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

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October 7, 1954

Dear Joe:

I don't blame you for wondering what was going on in this office in view of the fact that there has been a sudden absence of communication between "me and thee". The reason for this is that I started working on the Battle of Surigao Strait in order to avail myself of the information which CDR Marinke had worked up prior to his departure. This meant that I had to drop completely any work on Volumes II and III. I am now back in harness and after a while we will send you the Japanese operations of October 20th which are in Volume III. You have already reviewed through the 19th.

I am delighted to hear that your daughter is in good health and happily married. It is nice for her to be teaching school and thereby assisting in educating the "team".

I am quite interested in the fact that you are to go into the real estate business. It seems to me that you shift around quite a lot, from Japanese to Russian and now to real estate! May I ask you to drop an anchor somewhere? Read my friend, Arthur Tuckerman's book, "The Old School Tie". There you will find Mr. Tuckerman's father was a bit restless like yourself

I have a whole new staff here consisting of two Captains and two Commanders, and things are going along very well. It takes a long time for everyone to get oriented to these problems and to develop his method of thinking, but, as you know, it suddenly comes upon one and when that happens the section becomes highly productive.

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I am in pretty good health I think. I visited Dr. Sprague last week and he cleared me for another year saying in a surprised voice that my damaged heart was quite small when it could be expected to be large.

I suppose that you noted that both Bowker and Hartman made Captain. They went down to get Hartman which was a wise thing to do as he is really good.

With best regards to you and yours, I am,
as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Captain J.J. Rochefort, USN (Ret)
225 Third Street
Manhattan Beach, California

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8 October 1954

Dear Ann:

I have delayed a little bit in replying to your letter about the "Control of Alien Ships in American Ports" because it is a subject which we do not touch, except in a most general way, in the International Law Section here in the Naval War College. We have searched the files and have found nothing of any particular interest. However, we feel that in the publications listed below, there is a considerable amount of information which you might find suitable for your needs:

1. International Law, Third Edition, Page 319 *ETSE*
by Charles G. Fenwick.
2. International Law, Volume I, Page 581 *ETSE*
by Charles C. Hyde.
3. Oppenheim's International Law, Volume I, "Peace",
Page 395
4. International Law of the Sea, Chapter 8, by
Higgins and Colombos

I have spoken to the Coast Guard representative on the Staff of the Naval War College and he referred to (a) Titles 14 and 33 of the U.S. Code, and to (b) Coast Guard publication (CG-239), "Security of Vessels and Waterfront Facilities", published January 1951. He further suggested that you might be able to obtain some assistance from the Captain of the Port, U.S. Coast Guard, 80 Lafayette Street, New York 13, N.Y., and from the Commandant, Coast Guard, 1300 E. Street, NW, Washington 25, D.C.

I don't think that the War College reaction to this subject is of any importance because, as I pointed out in the beginning of this letter, we practically do not touch on this subject at all. It is essentially a Coast Guard responsibility, although I suppose the Commandant of a Naval District, on occasion, has interest in the matter.

I am sending to you under separate cover, "International Law Situations", a publication of the Naval War College, because this volume is referred to in these matters by some writers, and when I say some writers, I refer to post-war writings which would infer that the decisions and recommendations in this War College "International Law Situations"

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still apply. I am also sending the publication listed as item 4 above. Please return these volumes to the Naval War College.

I must say that I admire the verve with which you go about things. You have really seized a subject to write about and to get it completed on schedule and well done, you will not have time even to eat.

I haven't heard from your Mother or Father for a long time so I plan to write them, possibly today. With hopes that what I am sending to you is helpful, and with regrets that I haven't been able to do much more for you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mrs. George Hughey
"The Garden Lodge"
Princeton University
Princeton, N.J.

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12 October 1954

Dear Sam:

The other day your most capable assistant, Admiral Anderson, came down and presented me with a book from you, "Sicily-Salerno-Anzio". I appreciate your thoughtfulness in this matter very much, indeed, and assure you that I will read it with great interest.

I have been impressed with the fact that you dedicated this volume to Lyal Davidson, who was a student here at the War College in 1942. Admiral Davidson, at that time, did not understand the mental process involved in the solution of the military problems and ran into great difficulties even to the point one day of being invited to leave the War College platform.

It was a very remarkable experience for him and a very helpful one because he later came to the War College and from the platform said that he attributed most of his success to the fact that here in the College he had been forced, as it were, to develop a thought process which paid very heavy dividends for the Country during the war.

I look forward to seeing you upon your next visit to this area. With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Rear Admiral S. E. Morison, USNR
37 Catherine Street
Boston, Mass.

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October 12, 1954

Dear George:

Your sister-in-law, Perle, has informed me that you have recently undergone a very serious operation. She didn't say what type of operation, but from her reluctance, I suspect that it is known as the "old man's disease". She also said that it had been "nip and tuck" for a while but that, in your usual snappy way, you had passed through with flying colors and are now on the mend.

Everyone has been quite shocked at the news of this operation but they have also been quite delighted with your remarkable recovery. Don't forget that all of your friends are down here and thinking of you, so that when the time comes to convalesce you had better convalesce in the Mesta home on Ruggles Avenue.

Outside of that, things have been going very well here. Your sister-in-law gave a fairly large luncheon last Saturday. I was a guest and enjoyed it thoroughly. The house looked lovely and was filled with flowers. Someone is keeping a very good eye on that house - Perle says it is the housekeeper.

You would get a big laugh if you could see your old friend, Mazie Haywood with her new husband, John Rovensky. They are acting like a pair of two-year olds and everyone loves them!

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Mr. George Tyson
Brooks Hospital
227 Summit Avenue
Brookline
Boston, Mass.

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19 October 1954

Dear Dick:

Although I haven't heard from you in a long time I want you to know that I am always thinking of you and your family. This was particularly noticeable the other day when your daughter at Princeton wrote to me asking for help in the preparation of her paper for the Princeton Law Quarterly. The fact that she had written to me showed me that the old Bates-Conolly tie still held. The subject of her article, as you perhaps well know, is somewhat alien to our studies here. Nevertheless, I was able to provide her with some information which I hope was helpful to her. She is a bold young lady to have chosen such a subject!

I plan to be in New York on Sunday night, and perhaps on Monday night as well, in order to review the setups for the Battle of Savo Island film. As you can see, the progress of such a film is very slow and everything has to be pretty thoroughly checked in order that it may approximate the book as closely as possible.

I am writing merely to let you know that I will be in New York, for the first time since I went to California last July, and I hope to see you and Helen while there. My address will, as usual, be the New York Yacht Club.

Admiral McCormick is having as a guest today, and I think part of tomorrow, your old friend and mine, Vice Admiral and Mrs. "Tip" Merrill. I look forward to seeing Tip, in particular, as he is an old friend and because I admire the courageous manner with which he not only fought battles, but BuPers as well during World War II. I don't know what he is doing here, but I think he is returning from a trip to Canada.

I sent Volume II of the Battle for Leyte Gulf out to "Frog" Low who wanted to criticize it. I have heard from him now and he is very, very complimentary. He certainly read it because, from his comments, I can see that he weighed every word. From that basis, and because of that, I am quite pleased with his attitude. Admiral Hewitt is also reading the volume and I will hear from him presently. As you perhaps know, Admiral Hewitt has been violently ill and apparently near death - they first had him in the hospital in Vermont

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and then when he got strong enough, they sent him to Bethesda. He says that he is now considerably improved and has hopes for a long life.

The situation in the War College is excellent and I think things are going along very well, indeed. I feel confident that Admiral McCormick is following quite closely the ideas which you made effective during your command here. I tell him at every opportunity of what you had decided and why, and he is always quite interested. I am sure that the College, under him, will maintain the high standards which it had under you.

I had dinner the other night with the Dyers and your old landlord, as it were, was there. I refer to Mrs. Joseph Davies. She told me that she was going to have a conference with you and someone else, I think Zeckendorf, presently, so I suppose you have already met her. I suggested to her that she invite herself out to see what you had done to her old Chateau.

The weather in Newport is delightful, which is quite a change from the hot, humid days we have had for some time. I hate to go to New York because of that.

There is nothing new to report in addition to the above, excepting that people are constantly asking about you and about how you are doing in New York - the questions are always said in a most friendly way and not in any way other than hopeful that you really like and are doing well in your chosen assignment.

With best regards to you and yours, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Admiral Richard L. Conolly, USN(Ret)
President, Long Island University
385 Flatbush Avenue Extension
Brooklyn 1, N.Y.

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5 November 1954

Dear Mrs. Hindman:

It was awfully nice of you to write me a letter a couple of months ago, and I admit I have been pretty slow in answering. However, I had hoped to hear from Stanley by that time so that I could write to both of you. Having not heard from him and realizing that he is clearly very busy, I have decided to go ahead and tell you about our situation.

Our section, as you know, is now in full swing, and we are working hard to complete Volume II of the Battle for Leyte Gulf and to move heavily into Volume III. I am awfully glad that Stanley completed the air operations for Volume III before he left because it takes a long time to become familiar with the operations of the Japanese air units, and we wouldn't have been able to produce too much with our new staff for some time.

You got away from Newport in time. Since your departure we have had two and a half hurricanes, which did a great deal of damage in this area, although nothing to the War College. The greatest noise seemed to have been created by the falling trees. This was too bad because many of the estates had trees which had been there for a long time; one that I know of had been there for 350 years. However, they have very little rootage. Without adequate roots they are automatically top-heavy because of the leaves, which make a sail effect, and unbalance the normal tree support structure. After the hurricanes we had some rather good weather, but this week it has been raining.

I suppose both you and Stanley noted that your two colleagues in this section were selected for Captain. One in particular, Commander Hartman, was selected ahead of time; the other, Commander Bowker, was selected as expected. I wrote Bowker that I knew that he had been somewhat concerned because of his row with Admiral Rees and Admiral Ofstie over his desire to remain ashore another year. Fortunately, I was able to clear that up and Bowker got, as he properly should have, his well marked advancement. Your "old man" will get his in proper course, also.

I was glad to know that your trip to the coast was successful, and that the family did not suffer much from the trip. A ride across the continent is a nice thing if you don't have to rush. I have made two of them, but in both cases I had to make it in under ten days. I do not recommend this unless you have four

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or five fellows with whom to divide the driving and the costs.

The War College is going along handsomely. Everybody seems to be quite happy to be here, which is a variant from a few years ago when nobody wanted to be educated. Today, the modern officer realizes that naval success is necessarily based upon continual study and devotion to the rapidly changing phases of his profession. That is one reason I am glad that Stanley got that job out there because everything is quite new and his knowledge gained at the War College, along with his experience in the past, should make him far more effective than otherwise.

I am sending you a copy of a pamphlet on Rhode Island which you might find interesting. A friend of mine, Mr. Claiborne De B. Pell, wrote it and whereas I cannot guarantee its accuracy, it has been met with considerable approval.

With best regards to you and yours, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mrs. Stanley E. Hindman
1212 6th Street
Coronada, California

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November 5, 1954

My dear Mrs. Thompson:

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I was to receive your invitation to write a review of Professor Morison's Volume IX, history of naval operations in World War II.

I should like very much to do this, but I am unable to do so. I told Admiral Morison's assistant, Admiral Anderson, to tell Admiral Morison of my inability to accept this invitation. My reason for this is that I am in the middle of some very heavy work on the naval operations in the western Pacific, and I cannot take time off to discuss operations in other areas.

I have glanced at the book and I find it excellent. I am sure that a full reading would verify this impression.

I hope I am not too late in writing to you, but I have been away and it was for that reason that I asked Admiral Anderson to inform Admiral Morison of the situation explained above so that Admiral Morison might inform you.

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in thinking of me.

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mrs. Lovell Thompson
46 Pinckney Street
Boston 14, Mass.

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5 November 1954

Dear Admiral Nimitz:

I am returning to you, in accordance with your request, the papers which you have kindly sent to me concerning "All the World Wonders". The article is extremely interesting, and Admiral McCormick kept it for some time. I have taken the liberty of copying the letter written by Admiral Redman to you for our file because some day, when I get that far, it will be useful to clarify that phase of the story. I hope that this meets with your approval.

Naturally, I will not release this letter to anyone, and since the War College studies are confidential, even if this data is in the book prior to the release of your article, it would in no way be compromised.

I have now completed Volume II of the Battle for Leyte Gulf and have had it reviewed by a number of competent officers, one of whom was Admiral Henry K. Hewitt, another Vice Admiral F.S. Low. Both of them were extraordinarily complimentary of the manner with which this phase of the action was treated and I am quite gratified.

I went up to see Admiral Hewitt at his home in Vermont and found him to be in excellent health. He had been very ill; in fact, he nearly joined his Maker. Fortunately, he was hospitalized in time and is now in good shape. He is going to live in Annapolis at 5 Acton Place this winter. Mrs. Hewitt is also in excellent health.

You will be pleased, of course, to know that the War College is proceeding admirably under Admiral McCormick and is maintaining the high standards which Admiral Conolly set.

I have recently been to New York, where I have been working on the film, "Battle of Savo Island". It is a tough film to depict, but we are succeeding quite well, I think. The battle was a most unhappy affair and the failures on both sides were quite marked. I don't know when the film will be finished but part of it will be ready in early December for use in the Command and Staff class. There has been a tendency in the War College to pay insufficient attention to surface action and this year effort is being made to do something about that. Therefore, my film will be very timely.

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In connection with the film which is being made of my books, we have already completed two - the "Battle of the Coral Sea", and the "Battle of Midway" - I don't know whether you have seen them but they have received high commendation, not only from the Navy, but also from the Army War College, and notably from General Edward Almond, now retired, who was Commandant there, and from General Arthur Trudeau, now G-2 of the Army in Washington. I have reason to believe that our work here in the World War II Battle Evaluation Group is paying dividends. I say this because, for example, the Director of the Fleet Operations Division in the Navy Department, addressed me a letter recently concerning Volume I of the "Battle for Leyte Gulf", and stated that they were keeping the book close at hand so that the mistakes made in that operation would not be made in the future.

Since this whole project was originated by you, the success that we are apparently enjoying should be as much a source of gratification to you as it is to us.

The weather in Newport is holding up pretty well. We have had heavy rains the last couple of days, but it is now clearing up and we look forward to a decent weekend. Our Fall was so bad with hurricanes, and the fear of hurricanes, that the citizens have been somewhat fed up in weather matters.

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health. You are the Navy's outstanding citizen and it is essential for the welfare of all that you maintain your mental and physical health as long as possible.

With best regards to you and Mrs. Nimitz, and with many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me these papers which I am now returning, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN
728 Santa Barbara Road
Berkeley 7, California

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9 November 1954

Dear Babe:

Not knowing your new address, I have taken the liberty of addressing this to the Commandant, Fourth Naval District, with the request that he forward it to you. I have been wanting to write to you for some time because, when I was out on the coast, I encountered at the Bohemian Grove an old friend of yours, Mr. Johnson, who is President of Temple University. He spoke quite highly of you and told me of your appointment as Secretary of the Football Hall of Fame. He said he couldn't imagine anyone better qualified for the assignment, or who would give more to it. I was also very delighted because I know football has always been your avocation.

I noted your picture in the paper the other day and an article saying that you were the President of the American Football Hall of Fame. I was very glad to hear this if it is true, but whether you are President or Secretary, I am sure you are equally qualified for either arrangement.

I am sending you some loose papers sent to me by my brother from California giving the story of the UC-BSC and UC-UCLA football games. From them you can see that if there was ever an All-American, it is Paul Larson of California.

I hope to see you at the Army-Navy game. Until then, with best regards to you and Nell, I am,
as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Vice Admiral J.H. Brown, USN
c/o Commandant, Fourth Naval District
Philadelphia, Pa.

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November 11, 1954

Dear Lem:

Last night the Marine Corps in this area, as well as throughout the World, celebrated its birthday. As usual, I was fortunate enough to have been included as one of the guests and, therefore, I feel impelled to write to you about it.

It was conducted in a manner very reminiscent of last year with, however, most of the participants changed. This will ever be so in all military services, but it is likely to be more so in the Marine Corps since its members are subject to almost immediate call at any time.

The party, which was held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open), commenced with a cocktail party for the guests who numbered 103, most of whom were in uniform. The principal guests were Vice Admiral and Mrs. Lynde McCormick, President of the Naval War College, and Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholas Brown, former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air. The Marine Officers were in Full Dress Blue which, of course, meant "large" medals, while the guests were in dinner dress.

After the cocktail party the ceremonies incident to the day occurred. The guests assembled at their places at the tables, or, if they could not see too well, were moved into a satisfactory position. Then, as in last years ceremony, the colors, with a color guard of four enlisted marines and an officer escort wearing sabers, entered with music provided by the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The National and Marine Corps anthems were both played. Then Colonel Hayward read the Marine Corps basic order for this day, and Colonel Freuler read your inspiring birthday message. After this, General Louis Little, who seems as frail as ever, gave a short talk on the

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place of the Marine Corps in the defense of the nation which was well received, after which he cut the cake. The cake was three tiered in Marine Corps colors and the General encountered a little difficulty in cutting through it with his saber. But he did an excellent job of it, after which he saluted the company with the sword which moved many almost to tears. He is a great old fellow!

The dinner was splendid in every way - t'was roast beef washed down with red bordeaux and it was followed by dancing. So you can see that a wonderful time was had by all of those lucky enough to be present!

I told your senior Colonel here - Colonel Freuler - as well as a number of other marines, of my unbounded admiration of the manner in which the Marine Corps had accomplished its objectives; that this admiration springs not only from their great successes on many battlefields occasioned by their fine leadership, high morale, high valor, and high traditions, but also because I knew that every member of the Corps had entered it freely knowing full well that in so doing he was sure to face the enemy in mortal combat; that this characteristic was peculiar only to the Marine Corps and that, therefore, every member was, ipso facto, of heroic mold.

With best regards to you and to your staff, I am,
as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., USMC
Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps
Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
Washington 25, D.C.

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November 12, 1954

Dear Dick:

I am a little slow in writing to you to tell you how much I appreciated the privilege of being a guest at your country estate. It was wonderful seeing both you and Helen again and to see how well and happy you are in your snappy establishment.

I was glad to hear that you feel that you have the job as President well in hand and that things are proceeding as you wish.

I am particularly interested in discovering how you made out before your accrediting board. I certainly hope that you were "accredited" and have thereby accomplished one of the principle objectives which you set for yourself.

After leaving New York, I returned to Newport, and on the next day, Wednesday, drove to Vermont to see Admiral Hewitt, who was reviewing my Volume II of the Battle for Leyte Gulf. On the trip up it rained all the way, and, as I was traveling partially at night, it wasn't too good. The weather at Orwell was wonderful and I enjoyed my stay with the Hewitts very much, even though the stay was for but one day. Upon my return trip I ran again into heavy rain and finally arrived in Newport at 2100. Admiral Hewitt was very complimentary on Volume II and said that he was surprised to find that he couldn't make any adverse criticism of the strategy and tactics therein. We had a long talk over it and I am, therefore, gratified that it has been so well received by such competent people, as Frog Low and Kent Hewitt.

I received a letter from Bergen today, inviting me to his Navy League dinner. I have accepted, not only because I want to go, but because I will be in New York with my movie at that time.

I haven't heard from your daughter, Ann, relative to the books and data that I gave her. I certainly hope that she got them and that they were of value to her.

Looking forward to seeing you again presently, with best regards to you and Helen, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Admiral Richard L. Conolly, USN(Ret)
President, Long Island University
Brooklyn 1, N.Y.

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18 November 1954

Dear Lem:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 15th. I took the liberty of showing it to several of the Marine colonels here so that they might know that what they are doing here meets with the favor of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

I was interested in the dedication of the Marine Corps War Memorial. Not only did I know many of the Marine officers present there, but I know the artist Felix De Weldon very well as he is an old friend of mine. He has done some very remarkable work. From what I have seen of this monument it is his finest.

I think you have done a great deal for the Marine Corps to have had this monument and its miniatures made and to have so located them that they can accomplish a lot of good in alerting the country, not only to the valor of the Marine Corps, but to the valor of the race.

I heard you on the radio - I didn't see you on television - and I thought that your speech was excellent and very much to the point. I didn't hear Nixon's but I suppose that it was up to par as he is a good speaker. I was also glad to note that the President was there - some years ago he was charged with being one of those who wished to move the Marine Corps from the land of the living. The reason for this was, of course, that he was brought up in the "old army" tradition and had had no association with the Marine Corps since he did not fight in World War I, and in World War II fought in Europe rather than in the Pacific where the Marines did their best work. The fact that he has swung around through practically 180° is an indication that he has come to appreciate the high qualities of the Corps. I don't believe he was present at the dedication for political reasons at all, but rather as a soldier in belated appreciation of a great fighting organization.

With best regards to you and to your staff, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., USMC
Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps
Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
Washington 25, D.C.

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December 2, 1954

Gentlemen:

Please send one box each of your Gift No. 60 (Capistrano) to the following addresses:

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President's House, U.S. Naval Station
Newport, R.I.

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Newport, R.I.

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A check for \$ to cover the purchase of the above forty-five gift boxes is enclosed.

Yours very truly

R. W. BATES
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
(Ret)

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3 December 1954

Dear Ted:

I received your postcard and am herewith returning it to you as I don't think that you feel quite in the manner you expressed on this card. The fact that I didn't get over to your house at the time of the Army-Navy football game was accidental and due to the fact that my airplane was rescheduled from 1920 in the evening (28 November) to 1440 in the afternoon, and, as a consequence, everything that I had planned to do was cancelled automatically.

As regards the fact that I was with the Taylors, I want you to know that the arrangements had been made for this event for over a year; I was supposed to take Mrs. Taylor's mother but as she had taken ill I necessarily fell back on the others in the group.

I appreciate your interest very much and had hoped to see you at the Commandant's luncheon. You told me that you had expected to go and you most certainly could have had your brother-in-law, Admiral Atkeson, ask for you. I am not trying to create any ill feeling between you and Pete but I asked the Commandant for permission to bring my guests and this request was readily granted. I suggest that next year you ask Pete to do this, or perhaps go over yourself and call on the Commandant in person. I feel sure that he will be glad to include you.

There is nothing wrong with the Class of 1915. We still have a lot of good boys in the class despite the fact that a number of them have already joined their Maker. There is to be some sort of an affair in New York on January

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4th, but exactly what it is I do not know. I am sure that you will be there if you want to be.

I enjoyed the game very much and was very glad to see that the Blue and Gold of the Navy was able to wipe out last years' defeat. The Navy has a fine team and should defeat Mississippi unless the heat of the deep south takes the pep out of them, as could well occur.

I was glad to see your nephew, Dickie, at the game. He was quite friendly. You, though, seemed to be as distant as one of those stellar objects which the telescope sights, but which no one has as yet personally contacted. You should know that the Class of 1915 is very fond of you and appreciates greatly the efforts you have made throughout the years to hold them together. This applies to me as well and I am a little hurt that you don't seem to realize this.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

CDE EDWARD BREED, USN 12
165 West School Lane
Deyman town
Pike, 44, Pa.

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December 3, 1954

Dear Henry:

All of us here at the War College have been quite concerned regarding your condition since your operation. I spoke to Admiral Robbins this morning about it and said that I had heard from the Newport Naval Hospital that you were coming along very well. I would rather hear from you though as to your condition. However, if the reports from the Naval Hospital can be believed you are considerably improved - the operation was successful - and you will be home presently.

Last night the Mens Club of Trinity Church had a meeting wherein a LtCol Edwards of the Naval War College spoke on the battles in Korea. It was an interesting talk from an Army viewpoint. At this dinner Colonel Herndon was elected President of the Mens Club. He announced that you were expected to be home by Christmas. Everyone hopes that this is so!

You should know that your absence around the War College is very noticeable and that your name comes up quite frequently with relation to many matters, especially with relation to Logistics.

I think it would be well if you would hurry and get better rather than to continue taking it easy on your Fanny in the hospital!

I called your house on several occasions but there was no answer so I presume that Mrs. Eccles is in the Boston area somewhere.

I went to New York last week, attended the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia, and thence returned back here on Sunday, 28 November. The game was swell as you might imagine and I met many old friends there who were as elated as I.

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December 3, 1954

My whole staff here wish you all success and hope that you will soon be in battery again.

With best regards to you and yours, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Rear Admiral Henry Eccles, USN(Ret)
U. S. Naval Hospital
Newport, R.I.

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Gentlemen:

Please send one box each of your Gift No. 60
(Capistrano) to the following addresses:

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Newport, R.I.

✓ Mrs. Duncan Douglas
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Newport, R.I.

Mr & Mrs. Reginald Rives
Bellevue Avenue
Newport, R.I.

Mr & Mrs. Eric Evison
Bellevue and Wheatland Avenue
Newport, R.I.

A check for \$ to cover the purchase of the above
gift boxes is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

R. W. BATES
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
(Ret)

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17 December 1954

Dear Rip:

This note is to return to you your article "Today and Tomorrow" by Walter Lippman which you sent to me a week or so ago. Lippman writes well and there is a lot of good sense in what he writes, I am therefore glad to have read this article. However, I still believe that Senator Knowland feels that he is doing the right thing in speaking out as a senator from California rather than as the majority leader from the Senate.

The U.S. is divided into three parts: the thinking on the West Coast, west of the Rockies, is generally Asiatic; the thinking on the Atlantic Coast, east of the Appalachians, is generally European; and the thinking West, in the middle of the country, is purely American. I think that is the reason so many Presidents came out of Ohio. However, today the country must be unified on global policies rather than on local policies. Senator Knowland seems to think that global policy was overlooking the great problems of the West Coast. Senator Knowland is not dumb and was elected to Congress last time by having received over three million votes, which is more than anyone else in California ever received in any single election. If Senator Knowland's attitude is wrong he will be repudiated, as Wisconsin seems to be repudiating Senator McCarthy. From our global seat it looks as though Senator Knowland was a little too forthright. Perhaps he was. Time only will tell, but there seems to be no "schism" between him and the President.

Let me wish you and Hazel a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As for myself, I am flying to California and returning in about one week.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend

R. W. BATES

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